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Appl. No. : 09/650,173 )  
Filed : August 29, 2000 )  
For : VOICE INTERFACE AND )  
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RECOGNITION ACCURACY )  
OF VOICE SEARCH QUERIES )  
Examiner : Michael N. Opsasnick )

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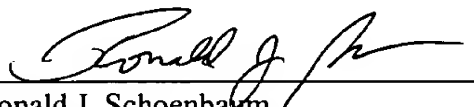
Dear Sir:

In the Final Office Action mailed on May 8, 2003, the Examiner introduced new art-based grounds for rejecting independent Claims 15, 24 and 33—none of which were amended in response to the first Office Action. Because the new grounds for rejection were not necessitated by amendments to these claims, Applicants believe that the May 8, 2003 Office Action was improperly made “final,” and request that the finality of the rejection be withdrawn

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 5-21-03

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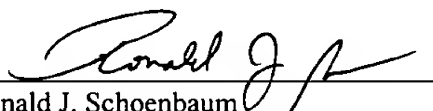
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are the following:

- (X) A Request for Withdrawal of Finality of Rejection; and
- (X) A return prepaid postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

  
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